Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Arthritis is the leading cause of disability in our country where 160,000 South Dakota adults have doctor diagnosed arthritis according to the 2013 Centers for Disease Control statistics, and 42 percent of those have some activity limitations and 42 percent under age 64; and,

Whereas, The rate of adults in South Dakota diagnosed with arthritis is 25 percent which is higher than the national average of 23 percent; and,

Whereas, Babies and children can also be diagnosed with different types of arthritis, and approximately 1,000 South Dakota children have some form of arthritis; and,

Whereas, Obesity is a significant factor in developing osteoarthritis while smoking is a risk factor in developing inflammatory arthritis like rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis; and,

Whereas, Education about disease, medications, treatments, exercise, and support improves management of arthritis for those impacted along with being aware of risk factors and preventive measures that may prevent some forms of arthritis:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 12, 2015, as

ARTHRITIS AWARENESS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State